

INFORMATION PAPER

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SUBJECT: Tactical Personnel System (TPS)

1. **Purpose.** To provide the background, description and current status of TPS.
2. **Background.** Prior to the birth of TPS Version 2.1 (TPSV2.1), TPS was known as the Force Manning System (FMS). The enhanced version of TPSV2.1, continues to provide the essential personnel functionality, to support a commander's tactical decision-making process by creating a deployable "go to war" personnel strength automated file. TPS is an application module developed under the Product Manager Army Human Resource System (PM AHRS) umbrella and shares arrival, departure, and duty status information with other AHRS modules. Because of the need to share data and to become part of the network, TPS is implementing Class C2 Security (Controlled access protection).
3. **Description.** TPS performs functions of Manifest, Jump Manifest, System Administration, Personnel, Task Force Operations, Crew Status, Adhoc Query, Unit Identification Code (UIC) Authorizations. TPS provides the appropriate AHRS Super Server PERSINS Processing Activities (PPAs) with arrival/departure status, duty status changes for Active Army personnel as well as Strength Reports such as Unit Manning Report and Alpha Rosters. User access to TPS is gained through the use of CD loaded application. TPS clients use TPS during the deployment mustering process and processing of individuals (i.e., arrivals, departures, duty status changes, manual-entry and scanning). The local database on the TPS clients does not require encryption. Individuals that are arriving at a receiving site or departing from a unit must be manifested first. TPS will have direct interface capability with three AHRS systems: Enterprise Datastore, PERSTEMPO and AHRS Super Server (eventually eMILPO). The TPS capabilities include: a process to create a mobile database containing current personnel data for deployed personnel used for strength accounting; update processes that provide for the remote and central databases to remain current; and a process, which creates Arrival, Departure and Duty Status Change transactions and sends them to the appropriate AHRS Super Server PPAs.
4. **Current Status.** Current plans for TPS modernization by the AHRS prime contractor, Electronic Data Systems (EDS), are on hold pending additional funding.